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DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT YESTERDAY'S JDL DEMONSTRATION AT IRAQI MISSION. HESKELI HADDADI (PRESIDENT OF COMMITTEE FOR THE RESCUE OF IRAQI JEWS) GOT IN TOUCH WITH JDL LEADERS WITH REQUEST TO SEE KAHANE LATE LAST NIGHT. ELI SCHWARTZ, ABOUT TWENTY YEARS OLD, WHO CLAIMED TO BE PRESIDENT OF JDL YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND TO HAVE ORGANIZED YESTERDAY'S DEMONSTRATION, MET WITH HADDADI. SAID KAHANE NOT AVAILABLE BUT HE VERY CLOSE TO HIM.

HADDADI EXPRESSED ALARM AT POSSIBLE IMPACT OF JDL ACTIVITIES ON FATE OF IRAQI JEWS. EMPHASIZED HOW STRONGLY HE RESENTED ACTIVITIES DEEPLY AFFECTING IRAQI JEWS UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTING IRAQI JEWS IN NEW YORK AREA WHO REALLY KNOW THE SITUATION. HASTY, SPECTACULAR AND VIOLENT ACTION BY JDL COULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE FATE OF JEWS IN IRAQ. HADDADI SAID THREAT TO KILL IRAQI DIPLOMATS IN NEW YORK IF JEWS KILLED IN BAGHDAD WOULD NOT WORRY IRAQI GOVERNMENT AT ALL. IN FACT, SOME OF IRAQI DIPLOMATS IN NEW YORK MIGHT BE IMPRISONED OR EXECUTED IF THEY RETURNED. THUS THREAT COULD ONLY ENDANGER IRAQI JEWS INSTEAD OF HELPING THEM.

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SCHWARTZ THEN SAID HE WOULD GIVE HADDADI GROUP ONE TWO OR THREE WEEKS UNQTE TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS. HADDADI INDIGNANTLY REJECTED THIS PROPOSAL AND AGAIN EMPHASIZED IRAQI JEWISH COMMUNITY IN NEW YORK SHOULD CALL SHOTS BECAUSE IT KNOWS PROBLEM TO A DEPTH OUTSIDERS CANNOT KNOW IT.

SCHWARTZ ASKED HADDADI HOW HE COULD RESUME TO BE LEGITIMATE SPOKESMAN FOR JEWISH INTERESTS AND WHETHER HADDADI HAD ANY REFERENCES IN ISRAEL. HADDADI SAID HE HAD MANY AND MENTIONED BEGIN RPT BEGIN AS ONE. HADDADI ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN ISRAEL UNDERGROUND AT AGE ELEVEN AND COULD NOT SEE HOW FIGHTING JEWISH POLICEMEN IN NEW YORK STREETS WOULD HELP EITHER ZIONISM OR IRAQI JEWS.

SCHWARTZ SAID HE WOULD QTE SPEAK WITH MEIRI KAHANE UNQTE AND ASSURED HADDADI JDL WOULD DESIST.

HADDADI TOLD FINGER HE WAS APPALLED AT NAIVETE OF SCHWARTZ. HE BELIEVES SCHWARTZ CAN DELIVER BUT AS A PRECAUTION WAS PREPARED PRESS RELEASE CONDEMNING JDL ACTIVITIES REGARDING IRAQI JEWS IN CASE IT IS NEEDED. FINGER

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